



## Exam Qualifications Committee Report

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#### Discussion Topics

##### PE by Exam – ENG2402365

- **Outcome:** Approved.

##### PE by Comity – ENG2402433

- **Outcome:** Not Approved.
  - Reason: The PE exam through NCEES is required for licensure. The applicant has completed the FE and SE exams only.
  - **Action:** Staff to notify the applicant to take and pass a PE exam for licensure to obtain licensure and provide instructions for a BAP.



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### PE by Exam – ENG2402711

- **Outcome:** Not Approved.
    - Reason: Additional information is required.
    - **Action:** Staff to email the applicant to:
      1. Request the applicant to provide a verification from the PE on staff.
      2. Provide more detailed descriptions of engineering work demonstrating compliance with WAC 196-12-020.
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### Decoupling of PE, PLS, and SE Exams

#### RCW & WAC

- **Action Items:**
  - Staff to upload clean copies of RCW 18.43.040, RCW 18.43.050, and RCW 18.43.060 to SharePoint for working copies to support changes required for decoupling.
  - Staff to upload WAC 196-12 to SharePoint for review and preparation of proposed language updates.

#### Attestation Examples

- **Determination:** An attestation on the NCEES website will not benefit examinees at this time. RCW and WAC updates must be in place before implementing exam decoupling. Once RCW and WAC updates have been implemented, the description on the NCEES website of Washington licensure process will need to be revised.

#### Next Steps

- **Action Items:**
  1. Committee and staff to review language changes required for decoupling NCEES PE, PLS, and SE exams, including updates to RCW 18.43 and WAC 196-12.
  2. Staff to copy current language from the NCEES website and provide suggested edits so it will comply with potential decoupled RCW and WAC.
  3. Staff to reach out to the NCEES MBA to inquire if other states use the CA Seismic examination or similar seismic-related examinations and their jurisdictional applicability.



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4. Staff to contact Guam to gather details on their use of the CA Seismic exam, including its duration and any reported issues. Provide findings in a report for applicants.

### PE Application Updates

- **Action Items:**
  - Remove and update language in the current PE application under the Experience Record Summary.
  - Remove references to the Federal and Manufacturing exemptions, as no statute supports such exemptions.
  - Committee to review experience and verification application forms to ensure alignment between NCEES record experience forms and WAC 196-12-020.

### EQC to Await SE Committee Suggestions

- **Action:** EQC to await the SE Committee's recommendation on including a statement in the application, renewal process, or new exam questions within the law review, ensuring each applicant affirms knowledge of the Washington Building Codes.

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### Strategic Planning Items

- Review comity regulations for each profession and how they relate to other states
- Investigate decoupling all exams